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Office of the Minister, State Secretariat and Ministerial departments.

As is usually the case with East-German ministries, the highest echelon consists of the Minister with his Office of the Minister and the State Secretary with his State Secretariat. These are to be assisted by a so-called Collegium and a Scientific-Technical Council.

Directly subordinate to the Minister and the State Secretary is the First Deputy Minister, who is in charge of the following ministerial departments:

Department for Education and Professional Training  
Chief Security Inspectorate  
Cadre Department  
Planning Department  
Investment Department  
Labor Department  
Legal and Contract Arbitration Office  
Department for Technology and Reconstruction  
Commercial and Auditing Department  
General Administration Department (with Building Maintenance and Motor Pool)  
Material Procurement and Transportation Department  
Metallurgy, Coal and Chemistry Department  
Geological Commission  
Technical Mining Inspectorate

The Department for Education and Professional Training will have under its jurisdiction the Bergakademie Freiberg and thirteen technical schools

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Subordinate to the Chief Security Inspectorate is the Main Office for Rescue Work in Mining Disasters (Grubenrettungswesen), which has under its jurisdiction six Bezirk Offices for Rescue Work in Mining Disasters.

The Material Procurement and Transportation Department has under it VMZ Schrott, DMZ Kraftstoffe, DMZ Kohle, and DMZ Metallurgie.

The metallurgy, coal and chemical sections of the Metallurgy, Coal and Chemistry Department have jurisdiction over DMZ Metallurgie, DMZ Kohle, and DMZ Kraftstoffe respectively.

#### Deputy Ministers

Subordinate to the Minister, the State Secretary, and the First Deputy Minister are the following four deputy ministers:

- Deputy Minister for Mining
- Deputy Minister for Smelting
- Deputy Minister for Gas and Power
- Deputy Minister for Chemistry, Potash and Non-ferrous Mining

Each of these deputy ministers is assisted by a so-called Control Section (Kontroll-Gruppe)

#### Deputy Minister for Mining

The Deputy Minister for Mining has under him the Main Administration (Hauptverwaltung)(HV) for lignite (Braunkohle), the HV for Mineral Coal (Steinkohle), the HV for Coal Mining Machinery, and the Institute for Heat Engineering, Freiberg (Institut fuer Warmewirtschaft).

Each of the HV's has a Technical Director, who has under him a staff entrusted with the following areas of responsibility: 3/

- Cadre
- Labor
- Planning
- Investments
- Material Procurement
- Commercial
- Auditing

NOTE: Areas of responsibility are the same for the staffs of all technical directors in the Ministry.

Each of the technical directors also has under his jurisdiction a Technical Department, consisting of a Mechanics Section and a Power Section, and a Production Department.

The Production Department under the HV for lignite has under it VVB Borna, VVB Senftenberg and VVB Halle.

The Institute for Heat Engineering has authority over PKB Kohle Berlin and PKM Kohle Leipzig. It should be noted that the Institute works in connection with the VMZ-Schrott-DMZ Kraftstoffe-DMZ Kohle-DMZ Metallurgie complex.

#### Deputy Minister for Smelting

The Deputy Minister for Smelting has under his jurisdiction the HV for the Iron Industry, the HV for the Nonferrous Metals Industry, the HV for Supporting Plants of the Metallurgical Industry and various metallurgical institutes.

Each HV has a Technical Director and a staff with the usual areas of responsibility, as well as a Technical Department with its Mechanical and Power Sections.

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In addition, the HV for the Iron Industry has a Mining Section, which has two areas of responsibility: a) procuring iron and steel and b) processing iron and steel.

The HV for the Nonferrous Metals Industry also has a Mining Section. Its areas of responsibility are a) processing nonferrous metals, including b) processing copper.

The HV for Supporting Plants of the Metallurgical Industry has, in addition to its staff and a technical Section, a section for "FF" Fabrikal Hilfsbetriebe."

The following are the metallurgical institutes under the Deputy Minister for Ironing:

Eisen-Forschungs-Institut Hennigsdorf  
 NE-Forschungs-Institut Freiberg  
 Institut fuer Metall- und Spezialwerkstoffe Dresden  
 Forschungs-Institut fuer blidsame Forschung der Metalle Ewickau  
 Forschungs-Institut fuer Aufbereitung Freiberg  
 Zentral-Konstruktions-Buero (ZKB) Berlin

#### Deputy Minister for Gas and Power

The Deputy Minister for Gas and Power has under his jurisdiction the HV for Electric Power and the HV for Gas, as well as various technical institutes.

Both HV's have a Technical Director and a staff with the usual areas of responsibility. Each also has a Technical Department; it consists, however, only of a Mechanical Section.

The HV for Electric Power has further a section which deals with power plants, power distribution, overload distribution and under-load distribution. Under this section are the following:

VVB Energiewirtschaft Berlin  
 VVB Energiewirtschaft Dresden  
 VVB Energiewirtschaft Halle  
 VVB Energiewirtschaft Weimar  
 VVB Energiewirtschaft Schwerin

Besides its staff and its Technical Department, the HV for Gas has a Production Department. Under it are the following:

VVB Energiewirtschaft Berlin  
 VVB Energiewirtschaft Dresden  
 VVB Energiewirtschaft Halle  
 VVB Energiewirtschaft Weimar  
 VVB Energiewirtschaft Schwerin

The following are the technical institutes under the Deputy Minister for Gas and Power:

Institut fuer anorganische Chemie, Leipzig  
 Institut fuer katalytische Forschung, Rostock  
 Zentral-Marktscheiderei, Freiberg  
 ZED Leuna  
 ZKB Erfurt

#### Deputy Minister for Chemistry, Potash and Non-Ore Mining

The Deputy Minister for Chemistry, Potash and Non-Ore Mining has jurisdiction over the HV for Heavy Chemistry, the HV for Liquid Fuels, the HV for Potash and Non-Ore Mining, and three technical offices. 4

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Each HV has a Technical Director and a staff with the usual areas of responsibility. The HV for Heavy Chemistry and the HV for Liquid Fuels each have Technical Departments, consisting of Mechanics and Power Sections; the HV for Potash and Non-Ore Mining does not have such a section.

The HV for Heavy Chemistry further has a department whose areas of responsibility include a) large chemical plants, b) acids and alcohols and c) general inorganic chemistry.

The HV for Liquid Fuels has a department whose areas of responsibility are a) liquid fuels, b) tar products and c) coal mining.

The HV for Potash and Non-Ore Mining has a department whose areas of responsibility are a) potashes and salts, b) potashes and non-ore metals and c) ore mining.

The following are the technical offices under the Deputy Minister:

Institut fuer Energetik, Halle  
Energie-Projektierung, Berlin  
Reparatur-Werk, Erfurt

These offices cooperate closely with the institutes under the Deputy Minister for Gas and Power.

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Comment. The proposed organization of the new ministry resembles in many ways that of the former Ministry for Heavy Industry, which was formed as a result of the governmental reorganization of November 1950. Like it, the proposed ministry will control through its HV's the mining, smelting, coal and power and chemical industries in East Germany. It will not, however, include an HV for Stones and Earths and an HV for Construction as the former Ministry did. The former HV, which was placed under the State Secretariat for Chemistry, Stones and Earths after the splitting up of the Ministry for Heavy Industry, was transferred to the Ministry for Reconstruction in about April 1953, when the HV for Chemistry and the HV for Potash and Non-Ore Mining were reorganized under the State Secretariat for Chemistry; the latter HV was placed under the Ministry for Construction when the former Ministry for Heavy Industry was dissolved. Thus, the proposed ministry actually represents an amalgamation of the Ministry of Mining and Smelting, the State Secretariat for Coal and Power and the State Secretariat for Chemistry, as predicted in

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2/ Comment. The term "area of responsibility" has been used because it is not clear whether each HV will have departments for cadre, labor, planning, etc. or whether a single large staff will take care of all the functions.

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1/ Comment. It is not known why the HV for Organic Chemistry and the HV for Synthetic Products are not included under this element. For details on the organization of the present Secretariat for Chemistry,

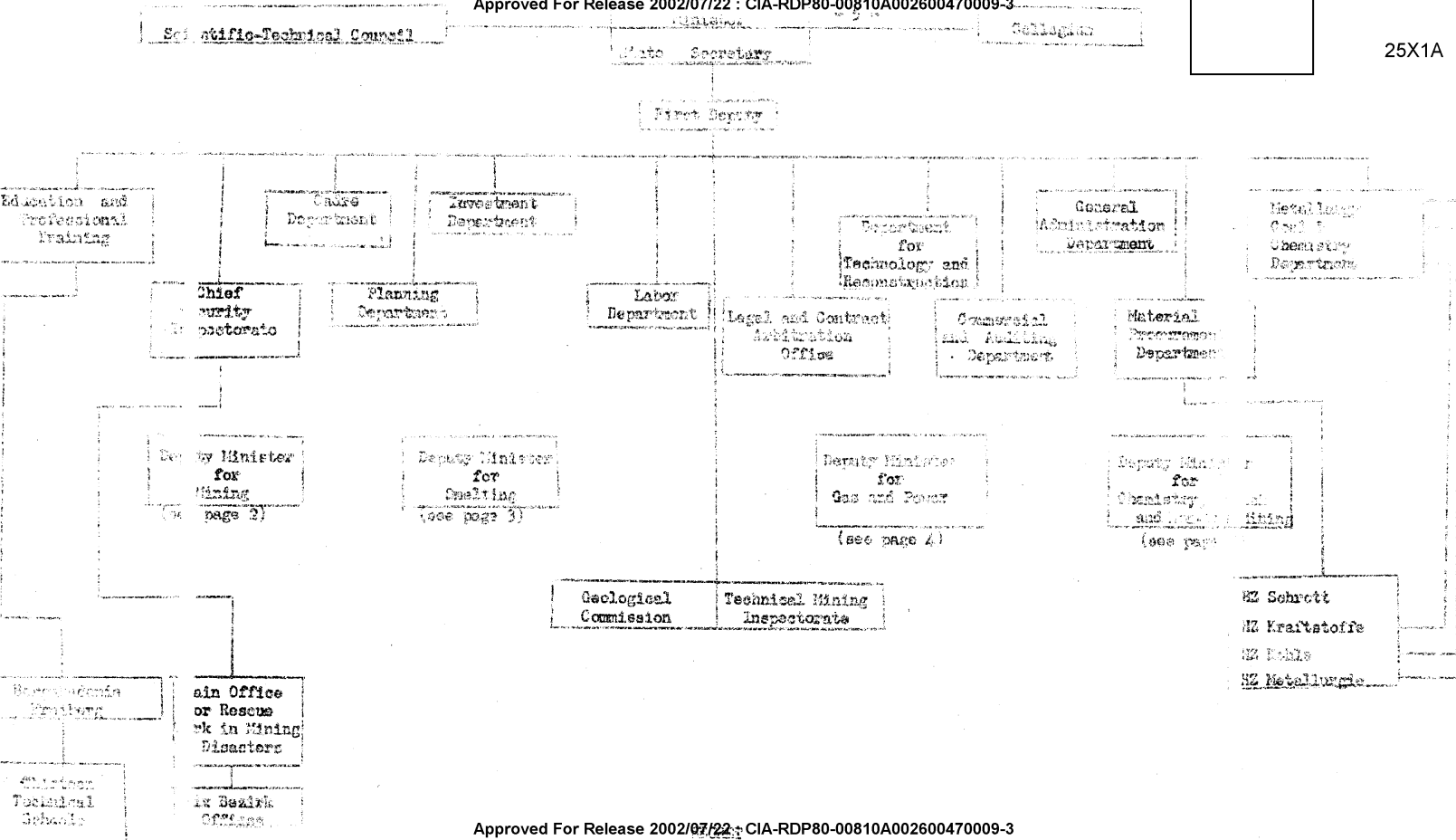
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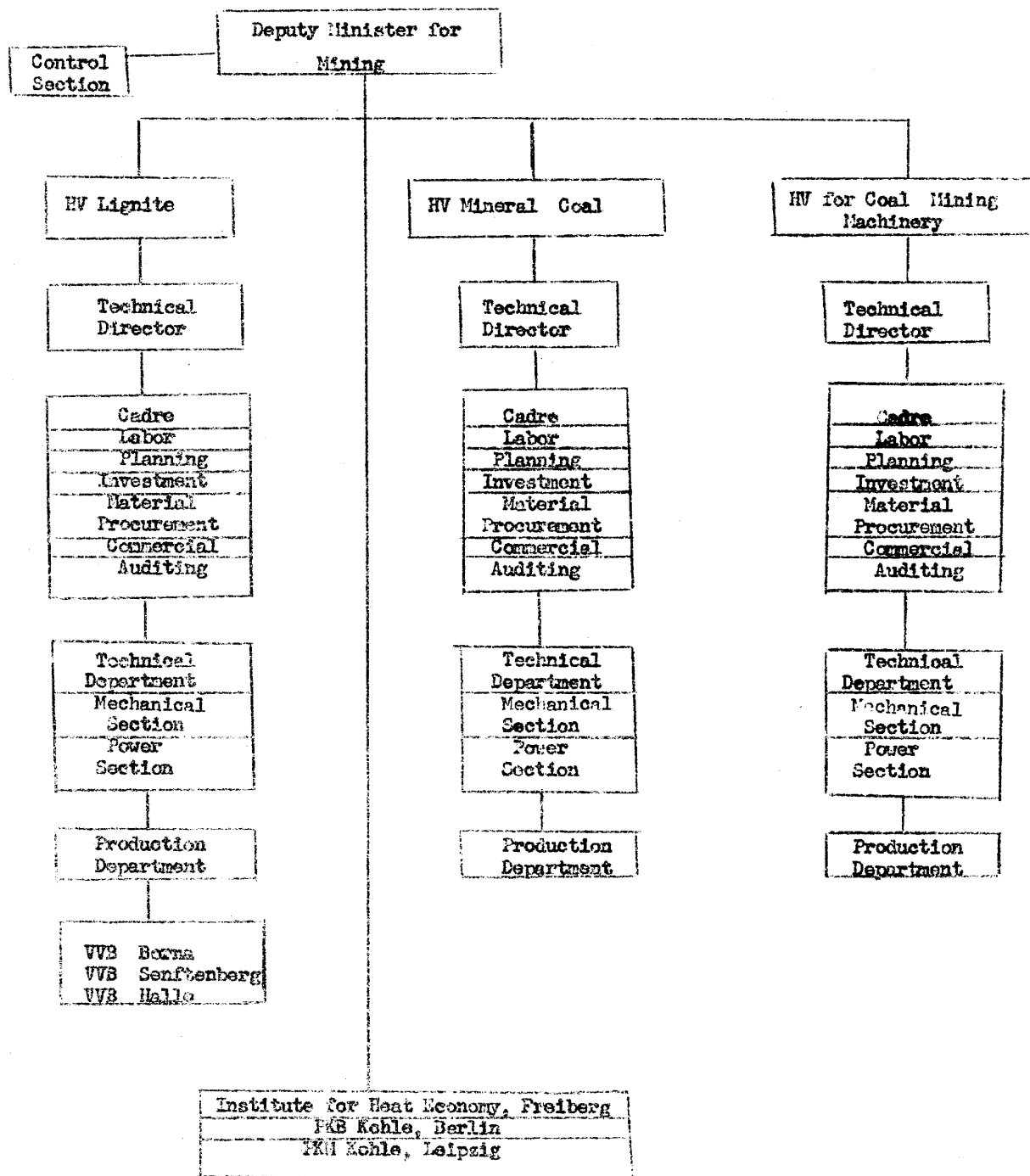
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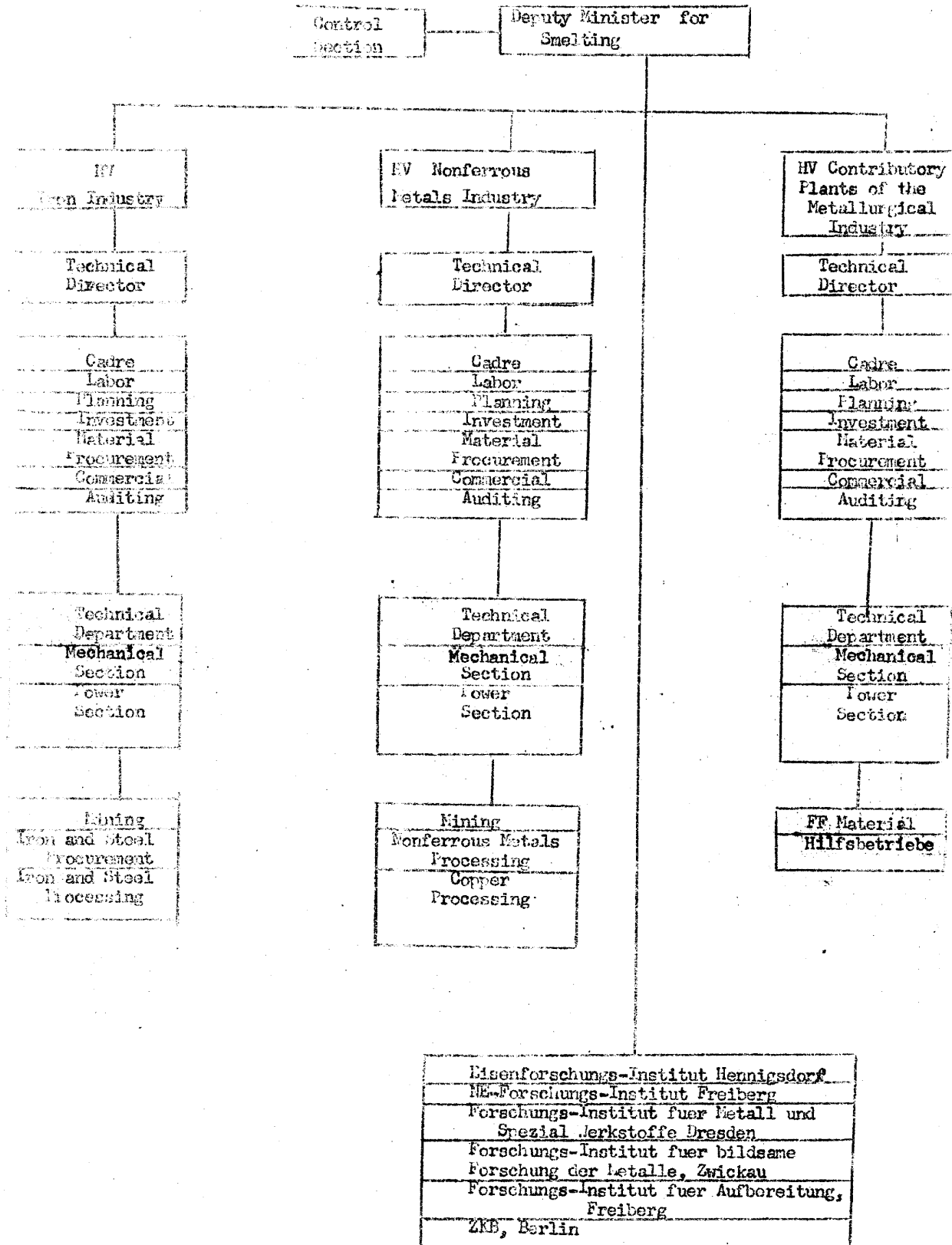


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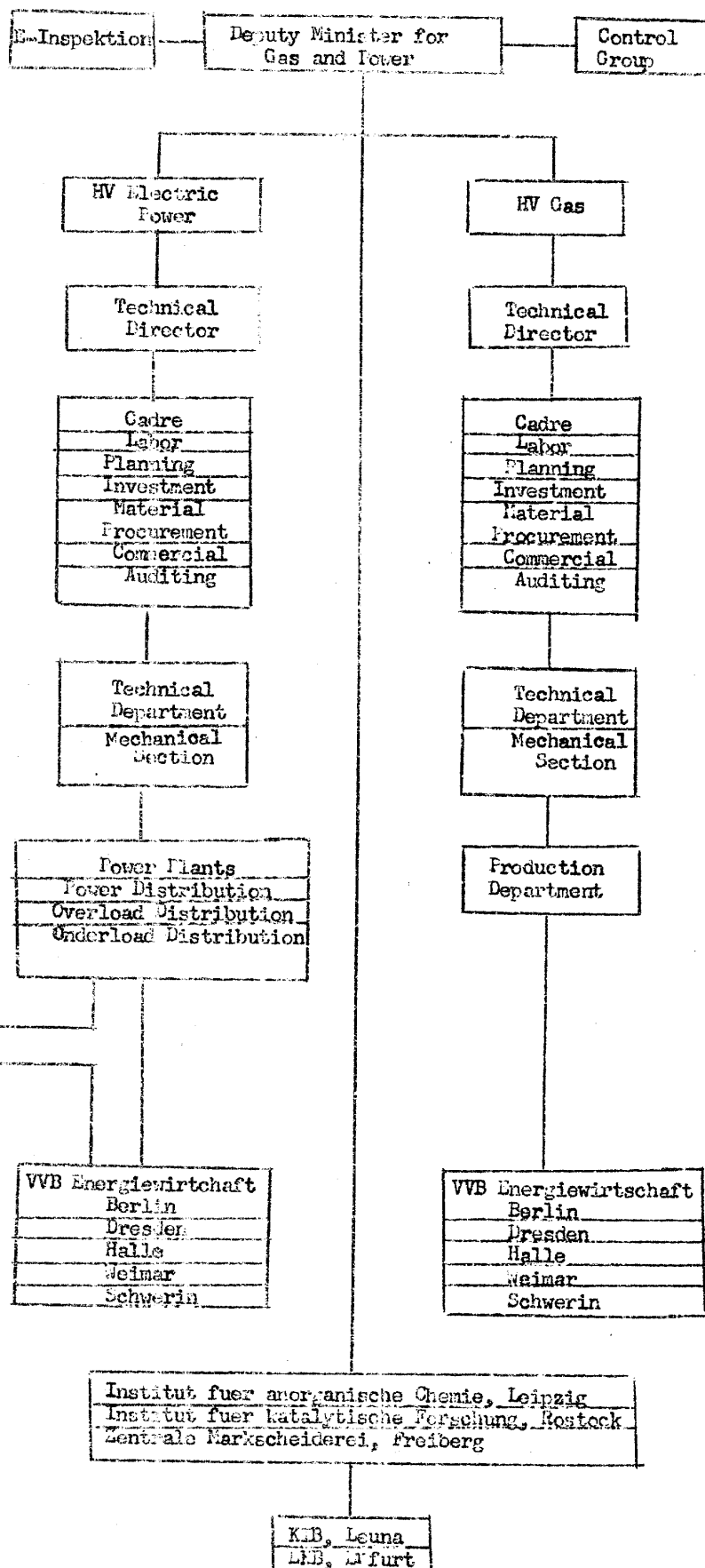
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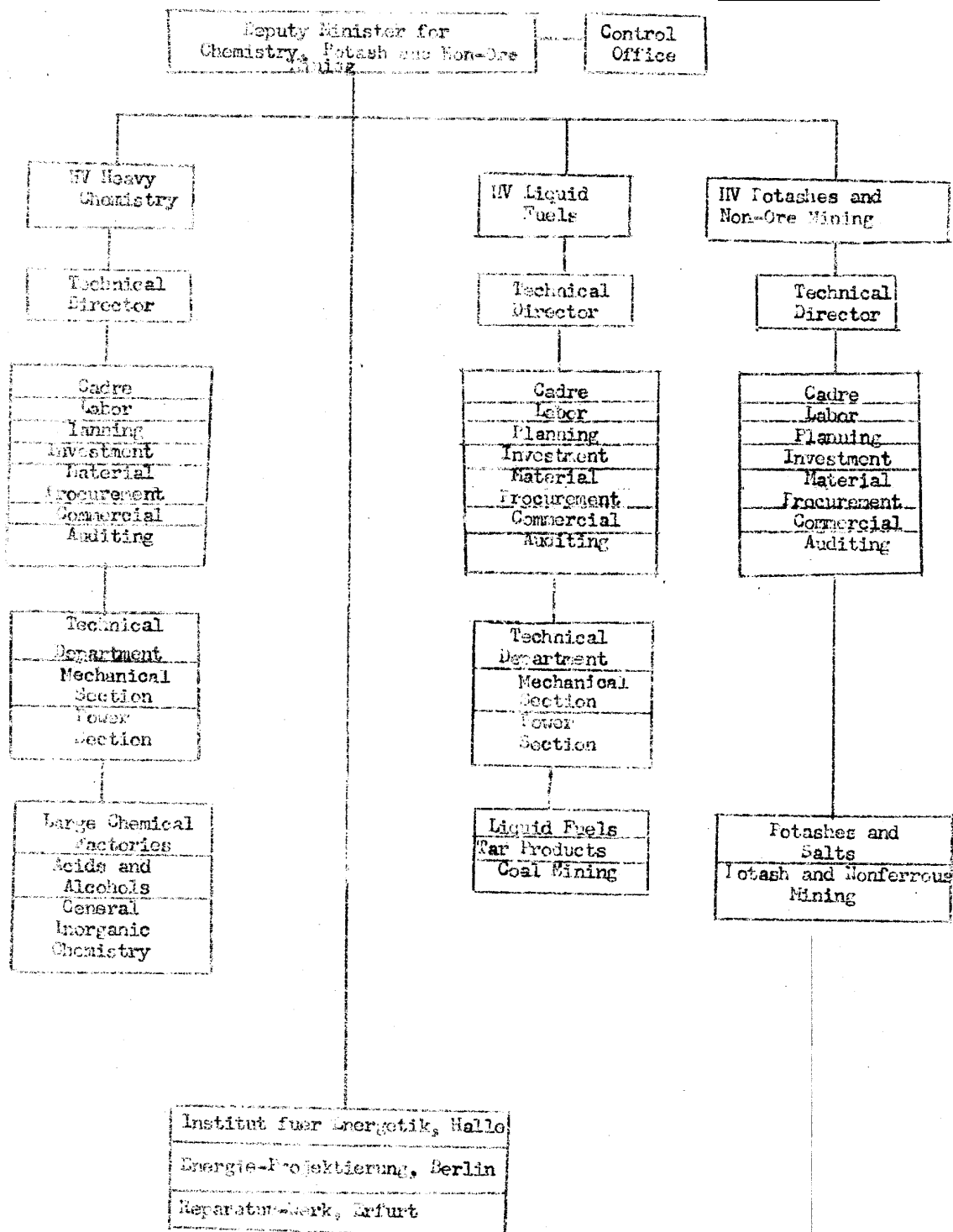
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